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SUBJ: MILITARY COURTS TO HANDLE DGS TRIALS

1. PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT TRIALS
OF FORMER MEMBERS OF DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR SECURITY
(DGS, KNOWN AS PIDE IN SALAZAR ERA) WILL BE HELD IN
MILITARY RATHER THAN CIVILIAN COURTS.

2. COMMENT: REASONS FOR THIS DECISION UNCLEAR BUT
MOVE SERVES TO REMIND POPULACE OF POWER OF ARMED FORCES.
WE SUSPECT JUNTA AND PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT, AS WELL AS
ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT LEADERS, HAVE TURNED TO MILITARY
COURTS IN ORDER TO BRING DGS AGENTS TO TRIAL RAPIDLY,
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WITHOUT HAVING TO WAIT FOR JUDICIAL REORGANIZATION AND

HOUSE-CLEANING ON CIVILIAN SIDE. IN ADDITION, MILITARY
MAY WISH TO AVOID APPEARANCE OF HOLDING PUBLIC "SHOW"
TRIALS OR OTHER VINDICTIVE ACTIONS.
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